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Jackson returns with fresh view of Ethiopia

Last year, in the midst of a terrible famine, Ethiopia became the focal point of the international news media. Millions of dollars in private and public funds were pressed into emergency relief for the starving. Gradually, news coverage of the tragedy tapered off. But the struggle for survival continues.

In April, William B. Jackson, emeritus professor of biological sciences, returned from a month-long visit to the African nation with a fresh perspective. As a consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, his primary assignment was to supervise establishment of a modern laboratory to test rodenticides. The tests were then to be linked to a Jackson-proposed program of educating rural farmers in coping with rats, mice and similar pests, which can consume 20-25 percent of a crop.

Ironically, the lab equipment did not arrive until the day of Dr. Jackson's departure for home. A veteran consultant to several African states, he has long since conditioned himself to bureaucratic foul-ups. However, he sees signs for hope.

Dr. Jackson said equipping of the laboratory is underway, however belatedly. And, he added, its status has been elevated from relative obscurity in a ramshackle hut to a contemporary facility in the nation's ministry of agriculture. A former Jackson student, Hailu Kassa, directs a pest management department within the ministry.

Dr. Jackson said another positive sign was good rainfall in the last growing season followed by this spring's rains which, he said turned the land into "a mosaic of green and brown. Early planted grains were sprouting and farmers behind yokes of oxen were plowing remaining fields as rapidly as possible."

However, he said, political sensitivities restricted his view to the area around the capital, Addis Ababa, and territories to its south, where conditions are comparatively better. The so-called "starvation lands" were off limits.

As for coping with rodents, Dr. Jackson said he will propose to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization that annual funding of \$75,000-\$100,000 be provided for the pilot farmer-training program, which he envisions spreading throughout the vulnerable rural areas.

Though just one element in a massively complex equation, Dr. Jackson believes it, together with general attention and support in other aspects, can produce measurable, positive results. But, he emphasized, it will take time.

Free hearing tests offered

The University Speech and Hearing Clinic will conduct free hearing screenings during the week of July 21-25.

The screenings, according to Diana Simmons, communication disorders, determine whether a hearing problem exists. She said the five-minute screening consists of listening to various tones of different pitches.

If a screening indicates a hearing problem, the clinic can make referrals for further tests, if necessary.

For an appointment, call the clinic at 372-2515.



Work Begins: WBGU-TV videographer Dave George (r) films the unloading of equipment that will soon become a part of the rejuvenated station. A new transmitter and other equipment, including boxes of cable shown in the photograph, were delivered last week to WBGU's transmitting site in Deshler. The station is off the air most of this month while work progresses. When the station returns to the air in late July, it will have a stronger signal and will be found on channel 27 of the TV dial."

Access provided to research

Students of American sign language in the past have not had access to much of the grammatical and linguistic research applicable to their studies.

A new textbook written by Harry W. Hoemann, psychology, is intended to provide that access. *Introduction to American Sign Language* and its accompanying workbook discuss sign language structure by taking advantage of current research.

The text summarizes information on the syntactic structure of American sign language and is based on linguistic and psycholinguistic research conducted at the University and elsewhere since 1970.

The concept for the book began in 1977, when Dr. Hoemann attended the first national symposium on sign language teaching and research. "I was impressed with the work of linguists," he said. "But I was not impressed with the accessibility of the research."

He drafted a manuscript for the National Association of the Deaf, which "wasn't sure about the need." However, Dr. Hoemann felt a comprehensive study could be attempted. Two years ago he began working on the current text.

"The reason for doing it was my students," said Dr. Hoemann. "I was lecturing in class and felt the students weren't getting as clear an impression as I had hoped."

He started distributing his lectures in manuscript form and he noticed that students started to learn more and more. The manuscripts then developed into the book, a draft of which he used this spring. The text is aimed at college level students because it requires users to have a background in English grammar.

The book is intended as a supplement

to other texts on the subject. Dr. Hoemann said he will update the book as more research becomes available.

The book is published by Bowling Green Press, Inc., a company formed by Dr. Hoemann and his wife, Shirley. "We were concerned about the cost of publishing it elsewhere," he said. "We were concerned about students being able to pay for a more expensive text."

By publishing the 120-page book themselves, the Hoemanns were not only able to keep costs at a minimum but also were able to maintain editorial control over the product. The book's cover and illustrations were designed by Shirley Hoemann. The book is being marketed through various associations and programs throughout the nation. Orders have already been received from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of the Rochester Institute of Technology, and from Gallaudet College, a school for the deaf in Washington, D.C.

Monitor

Monitor is published weekly by the Office of Public Relations for faculty and staff of Bowling Green State University. The deadline to submit material for the next issue, Monday, July 21, is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

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Datebook

Monday, July 14

Monday Musicians, University Activities Organization sponsored event, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Union Oval. Rain site: Falcon's Nest. Free.

"My Fair Lady," a Bowling Green Summer Musical Theater production, July 14 and 15, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$5, \$7 and \$9 for adults and \$3, \$5 and \$7 for students and senior citizens and can be purchased at the box office between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. weekdays or reserved by calling 372-8171.

Recital, Summer Sax Camp faculty/staff recital, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Tuesday, July 15

Comedian and juggler Gerry Kurtz, University Activities Organization sponsored event, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Union Oval. Free.

Concert, Summer Brass Camp, open rehearsal/concert with London Brass, 7:30 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

"Airplane," University Activities Organization sponsored film, 8:30 p.m. Eva Marie Saint Theater (Main Auditorium), University Hall. Cost is 50 cents.

Wednesday, July 16

Sweet Wednesday, University Activities Organization sponsored event, free popcicles, 11:45 a.m., Union Oval.

Seminar on "Summer Cooking on a Budget," University Activities Organization sponsored event, noon, Bell Tower courtyard. Free.

Concert, The London Brass, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students at the center box office, which is open 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can be reserved by calling 372-8171.

Thursday, July 17

Concert, Summer Brass Camp, segment ensemble concert, 7 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Friday, July 18

Concert, Summer Sax Camp finale concert, 11 a.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Concert, Summer Brass Camp finale concert, 1 p.m., courtyard, Moore Musical Arts Center. Rain site: Bryan Recital Hall. Free.

Party In The Park trip, a University Activities Organization sponsored event, depart 4 p.m., return 9 p.m. Cost is \$2. Sign up in the UAO office.

Sunday, July 20

Toledo Art Museum trip, a University Activities Organization sponsored event, depart 12:30 p.m., return 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$2. Sign up in the UAO office.

Monday, July 21

Monday Musicians, a University Activities Organization sponsored event, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Union Oval. Rain site: Falcon's Nest. Free.

Checkers Tournament, a University Activities Organization sponsored event, 5 p.m., Off-Campus Student Center. Sign up in the Buckeye Room, University Union.

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Health, Physical Education and Recreation: Visiting assistant professor. Contact Deborah Tell (2-6918). Deadline: July 18.

Radio-TV-Film: Assistant/associate professor. Contact Denise Trauth (2-2224). Deadline: Sept. 30.

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Athletics: Assistant men's and women's swimming coach. Contact Richard Draper (2-2060). Deadline: July 17.

Vacation discounts are available

A number of discount savings are available for employees and their families through the University's membership with the Toledo Industrial and Recreational Employee Services (T.I.R.E.S.) organization. Employees may pick up discount cards in the Office of Personnel Support Services, 20-A Shatzel Hall, for:

- Adventureland: Des Moines, Iowa.
- Busch Gardens: Tampa, Fla., and Williamsburg, Va.
- Canada's Wonderland: Toronto, Ontario.
- Circus World: Orlando, Fla.
- Colonial Williamsburg: Williamsburg, Va.
- Cypress Gardens: Cypress Gardens, Fla.
- Disneyland/Disney World: Anaheim, Calif., and Orlando, Fla.
- EXPO '86: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

- Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum: Dearborn, Mich.
- Kings Island, Cincinnati.
- Knotts Berry Farm: Buena Park, Calif.
- Opryland: Nashville, Tenn.
- Queen Mary and Spruce Goose: Long Beach, Calif.
- Sea World: Aurora.
- Universal Studios: Universal City, Calif.
- Wet'n Wild Sun and Surf Club: Orlando, Fla., Arlington, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nev.
- Wild World: between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md.
- Wisconsin Dells: Wisconsin Dells, Wisc.

Also, Cedar Point tickets are available at the information desk in the University Union. The adult ticket (ages 9 and up) is \$11.75 and a junior ticket (ages 4-8) is \$8.95. Children 3 and under are admitted free. A senior citizen ticket (ages 60 and over) is available at the gate for \$9.95.

For more information, contact Personnel Support Services at 372-8421.

Faculty/Staff Presentations

M. Neil Browne, economics, presented the paper "The Deficiencies of Collective Bargaining as an Alternative to Comparable Worth" at the Tri-State Business Law Association Convention, in Indianapolis, April 1986.

Ernest Savage, technology, co-presented a paper entitled "Promoting Your Industrial Technology Program" at the 44th Annual Conference of the Ohio Industrial Arts Association, in Akron, March 1986.

Tsunao Akaha, political science, presented "Japanese Comprehensive Security: The Maritime Dimension" at the annual convention of the International Studies Association, in Anaheim, Calif., March 1986.

Tsunao Akaha, political science, gave a guest lecture on "Japanese Search for an Alternative National Security Policy: Problems and Prospects" at the University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies, April 1986.

Tsunao Akaha, political science, served as discussant on a panel on "Political Economy of East Asia" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, in Chicago, April 1986.

Steven C. Russell and **Ellen U. Williams**, special education and **Rosalind Hammond** and **Theresa Milne**, educational curriculum and instruction, collaborated to give a presentation on "College Learning Disabled Students in Preservice Teacher Training: Protecting Students' Rights and Maintaining Professional Competencies" at the Council for Exceptional Children's 64th Annual International Convention, in New Orleans, March/April 1986.

David Weinandy, director of orientation, co-presented "We Are the World: Orientation in the Liberal Arts Tradition" at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, in Washington, D.C.

Adrian R. Tio, art, gave a lecture/presentation entitled "Art as a Means of Personal Expression" and conducted two one-day lecture/workshops on mixed media drawing processes and contemporary mural painting techniques at Brescia College in Owensboro, Ky., March 1986.

Exhibit

Through July 25

M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition, by Elizabeth Rodriguez, Fine Arts Gallery, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free.

120 gifted students participate in institute

Approximately 120 high school sophomores and juniors from 44 Ohio counties have been selected to participate in the Governor's Summer Institute for the Gifted and Talented later this month at the University.

Funded by a \$41,560 grant from the Ohio Department of Education, the gifted and talented institute is designed to provide in-depth instruction in a particular area and to broaden the knowledge base of the students.

"Gifted students need to have their thoughts stimulated through contacts with others of similar abilities," said Edward Fiscus, chair, special education, and director of the institute.

Bowling Green's program, one of 12 in the state, has a curriculum focusing on the theme of "Communications." The institute will be offered July 13-19, July 20-26 and July 27-Aug. 2. Each week-long session will serve a different group of approximately 40 students, who will reside in University residence halls and participate in special courses and intensive hands-on training in a variety of communication forms, including music, theater, radio, television and film.

Classified Employment Opportunities

The following classified positions are available.

* Indicates that an internal candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date for Employees to Apply: 11 a.m., Friday, July 18, 1986

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